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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 09/526,031	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 15, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. 74451.P114	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed May 3, 2006, to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application.

On May 17, 2005, the Office mailed a final Office Action, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. In the absence of a timely filed response, the application was held abandoned on August 18, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 19, 2006.

In the present petition, the practitioner asserted that he did not receive the final Office action. The practitioner stated that a search of the file jacket and docket records was conducted; however, there was no evidence of receipt of the Office action. A copy of the firm's docket report for this application accompanies the present petition. Moreover, the practitioner indicated the USPTO mailed the final Office action to an incorrect correspondence address, 21400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor, instead of 12400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor. The practitioner stated the correct mailing address was submitted on filing the present application. Therefore, applicant requests the withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment.

A review of the record indicates that the correspondence address indicated on filing the application was 12400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor. Unfortunatley, the USPTO incorrectly entered the correspondence address of record. Therefore, the final Office action was mailed to an incorrect address. It is obvious from the record that the practitioner did not receive the final Office action of May 17, 2005.

The Office has corrected the correspondence address and made it of record. A corrected filing receipt accompanies this decision. Additionally, the Office acknowledges receipt of the response to the final Office action in the form of an RCE and a submission, and the payment of the requisite fees. The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**. No petition fee is required.

This matter is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2176.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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